



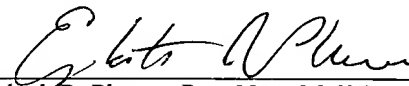
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the Preliminary Amendment as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 8, 10, 17, 19, 21, 23, 27, 30, 36, 40, 41, 51, 53, 58, 60, 62, 74, 77, 81, 91, 93, 95, 105, 107, 108, 110, 113, 119, 123, 132, 148, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156, 160, 178, 179, and 183 before calculating the filing fee as follows:

Sub C2/B1
8. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in [anyone of claims 1 to 7] claim 1 wherein the nematode worms [are worms] are microscopic nematodes.

Sub C2/B2
10. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in any one of [claims 1 to 7] claim 1 wherein the step of detecting a signal comprises detecting a change in a measurable property of a marker molecule, whereby a change in the property of the marker molecule indicates a phenotypic, physiological, behavioural or biochemical change in the nematode worms.

Sub C2/B3
17. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1 wherein the non-visual detection means is a multi-well plate reader.